

# KU KLUX KLAN DENOUNCED BY FORMER CHIEF FOR NORTH CAROLINA

## HAVEN FOR CROOKS. HE DECLARES

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Klanman released in his connection, his responsibility and his obligation.

### Klan Is Ended.

"I shall not violate the obligation and I shall not give out secrets of any kind, and neither shall I use the knowledge I possess of the membership and all other operations up to date, but because of those things all persons implicated in it in the State should realize that when I say the thing is ended, it is ended."

"To make this result certain, every incorporated city and town in the state should pass an ordinance prohibiting any person from appearing on the streets in any other thing to conceal his identity."

"The secrecy is nothing at all, because there isn't any. The imperial wizard has sent telegrams to me in my official capacity, to High Point, N. C., which were read over a party line to me from the telegraph office."

"The only secrets of consequence known to me concern a multitude of lawless acts which I am unable to prevent or suppress, but the full particulars of which I know, but which I am not likely to tell, since I was sworn to fraternity with the criminals and am therefore morally, if not technically legally, a participant criminal. Because of these things I know the organization, so far as it stands for any high purpose, is and will remain a failure. Being a failure it is as per se a fraud."

"There is no possibility of keeping the organization from unlawful outrages, nor out of politics. I was in the presence of the imperial wizard, when another high official made the statement that he wanted everything urged toward the consummation of a national organization which could elect a President of the United States and a general agreement with the sentiment expressed."

"I have revolted from the first at these tendencies, at the anonymous letter writing, and at the mess of lies about the greatness of the thing and its power, etc. I had been led to believe I could control the affairs in North Carolina, but this has not been true."

### 5,000 Members in N. C.

"There are at present perhaps, 5,000 members of the Ku-Klux in North Carolina who have paid their initiation fee, one-fourth of them within thirty miles of Greensboro, and most of whom as soon as they got in and found out who was already in, kissed their money good-by and quit."

"Some of the best citizens of Greensboro have joined, and, finding there was no restriction whatever in admitting members except the money consideration, they left—never to return. They were labeled traitors to the 'sacred cause.'"

"One of them, a prominent business man, together with several

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## Ford Beats Steed As Medium of Elopement

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Aug. 13.—The little Ford machine owned by John W. Martin, of this city, did a valiant service as Lochnivar's steed when Mr. Martin decided on an old-fashioned elopement and carried his bride, Miss Sedona M. Shaff, in his trusty machine across the Mason and Dixon line to Carlisle, Pa., where they were married.

The elopement took place on July 27 and was kept a secret until a few days ago, when the bride made the announcement. Mrs. Martin, who is pretty, was a stenographer and was taking a "day off" from work. She told her parents that she was going driving. The couple started for Philadelphia, changed their mind and backtracked to Carlisle, where they were married by the Rev. Mr. Stock, pastor of the Reformed Church.

Other intelligent men, protested against the wholesale admission of things and bootleggers, and he was summarily banished without a trial and supposedly in disgrace, by the organizer and without consulting me.

In another town the most notorious criminal in the community got in by paying for it, and when the decent element protested I ordered that if the man did not deny the facts his money should be refunded and he notified that his name would be dropped from the rolls. This the organizer refused to do, and kept him in because he was bringing in others of the same kind at so much per head.

### About High Point.

"The sorest of all spots to me in the business is with relation to High Point, where I started the work and with others equally interested built up an organization of good citizens."

"We refused admission to the wrong element and as a result the organizer started a war on me in which he lost, but which nevertheless put me in bad with the whole force of money-changers, to the end that one of us had to quit. I was naturally inclined to quit quietly, but was not allowed to do so. Just at the time when I had served formal notice that I could not stand for the organizing as being carried on by these appeared the awful anonymous letter addressed to the Greensboro Daily News. The same committee that penned this letter had written other letters, including the threat to themselves of which they succeeded in getting published."

"This last communication was so utter lawless and disgraceful, that I notified all concerned that I would get out with a loud noise unless the system back of the letter was abolished. No action was taken, thus leaving the letter with all its imputed weight as the official mission of the organization. It is in fact an exact keynote to the Ku Klux Klan as now existing."

Klanmen Auto Thieves.

"As for High Point and other places in the State where there is a good organization, there is even then no hope of ultimate good, without a State organization to control it. There is in these and other places nothing whatever to prevent our going against the law in the name and under the disguise of the Klan. For instance, it is obviously impossible for High Point to put an end to automobile thieving in the community when a number of the listed criminals are known to be belong to the order in Greensboro, and to be sworn in fraternity and fellowship with us."

**AS IT STANDS WE ARE ALL SWORN BROTHERS WITH MOST OF THE WORST CRIMINALS IN THE COUNTRY.**

"It is easier to use the Klan to protect crime than to interfere with liquor selling and the town is now wide open and they aim to keep

## NEW PICTURES OF FIGURES IN CALIFORNIA DEATH MYSTERY AND WIFE ESTRANGED FROM SUSPECT



It that way. My protest was appealed to Atlanta and pigeon-holed.

"Personally I prefer to lose without protest what I have put into it, but the promises made to High Point, and the way the organization was managed, affords an excellent opportunity to go into the courts and demand the return of the \$5,000 collected there. I offer now my services to them if they will stand together on this proposition and try it out."

"Why did I fall for it?"  
"Well, I am a credulous, enthusiastic sort of person with a lot of prejudices and I think the professions of this thing met the requirements of all the foolish ideas I possessed. Even then I held back a long time, and never entered until I was shown what they claimed was the whole system."

"They told me, for instance, that Senator Simmons was one of the first men to join in the State; that Governor Morrison after his ousting against it was 'seen' and promised good behavior and later applied for admission and was held on probation; that Joseph Daniels was refused admission; that Senator Overman was twice refused admission; that General Pershing, Attorney General Daugherty, General Julian S. Carr and others were original and earnest members, that the Raleigh News and Observer, the Charlotte Observer, Asheville Citizen and Wilmington Star had agreed to keep hands off if they were let alone; that the Greensboro News was to be let alone because its criticism was really helpful; that the Raleigh Times was controlled by some of the Klanmen of Raleigh; that there were 15,000 members in North Carolina and others applying for admission at the rate of 1,000 per day; that no application was considered until after rigid investigation; and as stated in the anonymous letter to the News, character was the only test."

"These are the reasons I joined. Whether I believe any of these things is another thing entirely, and I can't answer it, except to say it is easy to believe what one wants to believe. I was credulous and was caught."

### Used As Catapult.

"Then they picked me to head the permanent organization in the State. I thought this was due to my acquaintance with the State and with the right kind of men in every county."

"In fact, I know now it was because they figured I was the best asset they could pick, in order to use it to beat the odds. Col. Simmons promised me everything and gave his personal word to me that no action could be taken in the Klan that was not lawful, that I was the supreme head in North Carolina and was in the nation, and I was answerable only to him that I could build my own organization with men of genuine ability and character."

"All this was an empty promise and the organizers, professional money-getters from outside the state, who knew nothing and cared nothing about the right kind of men, proceeded to use my name secretly and openly in answer to the charge of fraud."

"At one meeting I pledged the State organization for law and order, and guaranteed everything professed and 140 men came forward, took the oath and paid the cash."

"They caught me and used me and probably laughed at it, but they made the mistake of thinking I would quietly lie down and take it."

"After the higher-ups saw this disruption was imminent they offered me a great deal if I would organize the organization if it could succeed, with cash consideration. That was before my eyes were opened."

"I am the only man prominent in the Klan who has ever lost anything and I am glad indeed that not one dollar has ever come into my hand in this thing in any way and that my account with them shows a deficit of several hundred dollars. I deserved to lose it and can only repeat that my one regret is that I lost it in it might have been money."

"The imperial wizard, in my opinion, is personally sincere, but he has only moderate ability and no force at all. He is not competent to head the organization if it could succeed, in which event it would control everything in America. He has mixed up in fraternal orders and has dreamed this thing."

"Some strong-minded men without sincerity took charge of it, control it and laugh at the poor fools who fall for it."

"They gave me my chance to

close my eyes and roll in easy money for a year, but even if I were that kind, I could not forget that there are other years."

"This thing could not succeed unless it made State and National Governments its vassals, and that is not possible and if it was, would be wrong. Our governments may not be what they should be, but they will not be cleansed by work in the dark."

"The 'sacred' sublime flub-did has disgusted me from the start, and let a good many men who joined the thing did so because of this stuff and the appeal to passion and ignorance. My first act after being elevated to my sublime office was to make a proclamation to a Pullman car full of officers and delegates. I gave them as general order No. 1 that no matter how sublime and sacred I was on paper they were to address me as 'Bruce' and nothing else."

"There is nothing serious about the Klan in this State except the protection it affords to bad men and the money it takes out of the State. To accomplish these things the profession of Americanism and law and order, common to all fraternities, are rung in for all they are worth."

"The ritual of the order is the worst jumble of bad English and animosity I have ever met. It reads like a compilation by a school boys' blood and thunder society. The whole thing uses whatever is necessary for commercial purposes."

"I anticipate a mess of lies in answer to this statement. I am almost sorry that the anonymous letter writers will be handicapped in the future by their knowledge that I know them, and their work in that line will have to end. I have already been threatened by the organization if I interfered with their graft and am ready for them."

"Henceforth I shall stick to old landmarks and fight shy of strange gods."

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### Hot Weather Advice for Babies

It is raw milk that causes nearly all the loose bowels among babies

Raw milk is hard to digest for babies. Scalded or boiled milk is easily digested and does not constipate.

Milk poor in fat is best for babies. Pour off some of the cream when milk appears very rich.

Every baby should get small doses of orange juice or strained canned tomato juice, diluted in some water, between bottles, once or twice daily. These substances contain quantities of vitamins which help the assimilation of food.

Give the baby plenty cool, boiled water between bottles. A healthy baby needs no pacifier.

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## COTTAGE CITY PREPARES FOR BIG CARNIVAL

Citizens Look Forward to Exciting Times From September 26 to October 8.

Fire plugs, busted speed limits, and a first annual carnival are combining to make a man's town out of Cottage City, Md.

The Citizens' Association of the community will go to bat with first annual carnival, September 26 to October 8. Charles U. Lightbown, chairman of the carnival committee, is preparing for big doings. Proceeds from the twelve-day event will be invested in civic betterment projects for Cottage City.

Installation of fire plugs will be made within the next two weeks, according to T. Howard Duckett, chairman of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The Citizens' Association has purchased five hundred feet of fire hose.

President Mansfield is endeavoring to stop reckless driving along the Baltimore pike through the village, by asking the aid of Col. E. Austin Baughman, State commissioner of motor vehicles. Several accidents, involving children, have occurred during the past few weeks.

**ZION CITY PUTS 1,079-YEAR BAN ON PORK CHOPS**

Voliva Adopts New System of Leases Carrying Manifold Prohibitions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—You've got to wait at least another 1,079 years to eat an oyster stew if you live in Zion City. And the non-believers there are talking of placing a jardiniere of pork chops in the local museum.

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, inaugurated a new system of leases yesterday. Under this Zion resident cannot lease any property without Voliva's consent and all leases will run for 1,079 years. The new system was declared to be a renewal of his attack on religious organizations that have opened churches in opposition to the Zion Cathedral.

The seventy-nine years is added to cover the period during which the Lord is expected to come and take his saints out of the world. At the end of this period, according to Dowie's teachings, they will be returned to establish his rule throughout the world for 1,000 years.

The famous leases of Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion, will be changed to prohibit the transfer of property without the personal approval of Voliva, who issued a dictum against the following: Sale in Zion of pork, lard or other products of swine; erection or operation of theaters, opera, motion pictures, circuses, dance halls, secret societies, keeping or sale of intoxicants; keeping, sale or manufacture of tobacco; operating a drug store or sale of drugs, surgery or keeping of oysters or other food pronounced unclean in chapter fourteen of Deuteronomy, or use of any property as the residence or office of a physician or surgeon.

So far, Northwestern trains are still permitted to spray clinders on the Zion City station, and a Zion citizen may shave his neck if he likes it that way.

Cyclist Killed in Crash.

SHORT CREEK, W. Va., Aug. 13. Fred McClelland, aged twenty-six, was fatally injured yesterday when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile of Joseph E. McCulloch, of West Liberty. Charles Stump, in another machine, hurled McClelland to the hospital, but he died as he was being carried in.

## THREAT TO KILL KENNEDY LAID AT BURCH'S DOOR

(Continued from First Page.)

friends of Arthur C. Burch and Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, it was learned today, when preliminary arrangements being made for the trial of the two became known.

A leading criminal attorney of this city, who asked that his name be withheld for ethical reasons, disclosed that friends of Burch's family had approached him concerning the case and had assured him that \$25,000 could easily be raised for Burch's defense.

When the attorney informed those who consulted him that he would not enter the case unless he was retained to defend both Burch and Mrs. Obenchain, he was told that such an arrangement would be satisfactory and that a joint defense had already been decided on. The parties who conferred with the attorney stated they represented Burch's parents.

Burch's father, an Evanston minister, and Attorney Ralph S. Obenchain, her divorced husband, of Chicago, the divorced husband of Mrs. Obenchain, for whom she sent Thursday, will arrive in Los Angeles tomorrow night and will immediately confer with the attorney who was consulted by Burch's friends.

Nervous and worn from a week's confinement in jail, Burch today was believed by officers to be near the point of breaking the silence which he has maintained with an uncanny fortitude since his arrest.

Mrs. Obenchain does not believe her love for Kennedy was genuine. Today she gazed through the bars of her cell awaiting Ralph C. Obenchain, her divorced husband, who said he still loved her and would stand by her. He has left Chicago and will reach here Sunday.

### Her Love Wavering.

"I am beginning to believe that I did not love Belton at all," she said. "I must have been in love merely with an idea. Perhaps an ideal, as Ralph Obenchain used to say. For if he told his parents the things they say he did, and told me the things I knew he did, then I was not in love with Belton. I was in love with my ideal of Belton."

A rumor that Mrs. Obenchain was soon to become a mother was emphatically denied by her.

"That report is untrue; so absurd," she said. "It seems awfully unfair not only to me, but to Belton. Whether he really loved me or not I must say that Belton Kennedy was the cleanest, most moral man I ever knew. That my relations with him or with any one, for that matter, could have been as suggested is most revolting to me. I am not angry. I'm just terribly hurt by the report. It's bad enough to be charged with a ghastly crime, but this report is worse to one who, however wrong I may have been about Belton, had never any cause to be ashamed."

Arthur C. Burch, who was indicted with Mrs. Obenchain for the murder, was downhearted today. They will be arraigned for preliminary hearing Monday and are expected to plead not guilty to the indictments.

"At first it was hard to believe that Belton could have told his parents he wanted to break with me; that he did not love me and that he had been going with me because he was in love with my ideal of him. After his death I believed I loved him more than ever, but now I don't know."

Mrs. Obenchain said if Kennedy had lied to her, then my ideal was only a bubble and death had pricked it. She regretted she had not listened to her husband.

### Wants Ralph Again.

"If I had only listened to my husband things might have been different. I wouldn't have traded a finger of Ralph Obenchain for all of Belton Kennedy as a man. But I loved Belton. That, I guess, was just human nature."

"Ralph understood me, does understand me, better than I understand myself and better than anyone else understands me, perhaps. He often told me that I would not marry Belton Kennedy when it came to brass tacks, because as he put it, 'I was never in love with Belton, but only with the man I thought Belton was.'"

Mrs. Obenchain was lost in thought a moment, then said: "Yes, I guess Ralph called the curse. I suppose I never would have married Belton. But, oh God, what a shame it seems for a woman to lose the five finest years of her life for a phantom."

"Mrs. Obenchain made no further plans for her defense. She is waiting for the man she cast aside, but who still loves her and will stand by her. When he left Chicago for Los Angeles, Mr. Obenchain said he would arrange the legal defense of his former wife. He is a lawyer."

## REVENUE MEN SEIZE BOATS AT DETROIT

Determined to Make New Canadian Clearance Law Ineffective by Vigilance.

By International News Service.

DETROIT, Aug. 13.—Revenue officers and city officials descended on Ecorse this afternoon, determined to stop the flow of liquor into the United States from Canada since the decision of the Canadian courts permitting liquor to clear for the United States.

Four men, transiting forty cases of beer from a motorboat to a truck, were arrested and the liquor and motorboat and truck seized.

"We intend to continue raiding until the rum running is stopped," the officials said. "If it is necessary to call out the 'flying squadron' we will send it."

### EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES SHOWS FURTHER DECLINE

ALBANY, Aug. 13.—Working forces in factories of the State were further reduced by 2 per cent last month, according to a report made public by the State industrial commission. Since March, 1920, there has been a total decline in factory employment of approximately 20 per cent, or about 450,000 workers. Lack of orders is the outstanding factor in the decrease in employment since June; the largest reductions were again found in the metal industries.

### EIGHT LABOR DISPUTES REPORTED IN PAST WEEK

Eight new labor disputes were brought to the attention of the Department of Labor during the week, as compared with seven and eleven for the two previous weeks. It was announced yesterday. There are now twenty strikes and twenty-six controversies which have not reached the strike status before the department for adjustment.

Two strikes and one controversy were adjusted during the week, the most important being a strike of miners in seven mines at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., involving 3,500 men.

### PRESIDENT TALKS ABOUT DISARMAMENT EXPENSES

The cost of staging the November disarmament and East-East conference was discussed yesterday by President Harding. Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget, and Under Secretary of State Fletcher.

Estimates of the amount Congress will be asked to appropriate range from \$200,000 to \$500,000. It is understood no definite decision was reached at the conference because of the uncertainty as to the size of the visiting delegation.

### KY. UNIVERSITY ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE SEPT. 10

"Kentucky Day," will be celebrated on September 10 by alumni of the University of Kentucky in every State of the country and in sixteen foreign lands. Washington graduates are preparing to observe the day with a special program.

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